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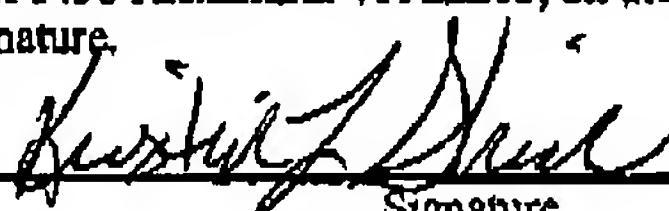
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, concerning the above-reference patent application. The three month shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action was set to expire December 23, 2005. With the enclosed Request for One-Month Extension of time, Applicants believe this response is timely filed.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for the filing, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0231.